

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend the claims as follows. This listing of the claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1 – 14 (cancelled)

15. (Currently Amended) A water-bearing domestic appliance comprising:

a retainer for retaining items to be subjected to a liquid treatment: and

a drainage pump having an inlet through which liquid enters the drainage pump, an outlet through which liquid exits the drainage pump, a pump impeller for conveying liquid along a passage through the drainage pump extending from the inlet to the outlet, and a separate chamber located ~~upstream~~ downstream of the pump impeller relative to the direction of flow of liquid through the passage, the separate chamber having an internal diameter and an external diameter and having respective radial bores on its external diameter and in the vicinity of its internal diameter, and the operation of the drainage pump being such that liquid received into the drainage pump via the inlet flows into an area of the passage at which the pump impeller is operating and thereafter flows further along the passage with at least some of the liquid flowing into contact with the separate chamber downstream of the pump impeller and entering and passing through the radial bores of the separate chamber.

16. (Previously Presented) The water-bearing domestic appliance according to claim 15, wherein the separate chamber is located relatively closely adjacent the pump impeller.
17. (Previously Presented) The water-bearing domestic appliance according to claim 15, wherein a respective plurality of bores are provided on the external diameter of the separate chamber and another respective plurality of bores are provided on the internal diameter of the separate chamber.
18. (Previously Presented) The water-bearing domestic appliance according to claim 15, wherein the bores for the external diameter and the internal diameter are distributed uniformly on the separate chamber.
19. (Previously Presented) The water-bearing domestic appliance according to claim 15, wherein each of the bores has a small cross-section.
20. (Previously Presented) The water-bearing domestic appliance according to claim 15, wherein the water-bearing domestic appliance is a dishwasher and the retainer for retaining items to be subjected to a liquid treatment is operable to retain items to subjected to a dishwasher liquid treatment.
21. (Previously Presented) The water-bearing domestic appliance according to claim 15, wherein the water-bearing domestic appliance is a washing machine and the retainer for retaining items to be subjected to a liquid treatment is operable to retain items to subjected to a washing machine liquid treatment.
22. (Currently Amended) A drainage pump comprising:

an inlet through which liquid enters the drainage pump;

an outlet through which liquid exits the drainage pump;

a pump impeller for conveying liquid along a passage through the drainage pump extending from the inlet to the outlet; and

a separate chamber located ~~upstream~~ downstream of the pump impeller relative to the direction of flow of liquid through the passage, the separate chamber having an internal diameter and an external diameter and having respective radial bores on its external diameter and in the vicinity of its internal diameter, and the operation of the drainage pump being such that liquid received into the drainage pump via the inlet flows into an area of the passage at which the pump impeller is operating and thereafter flows further along the passage with at least some of the liquid flowing into contact with the separate chamber downstream of the pump impeller and entering and passing through the radial bores of the separate chamber.

23. (Previously Presented) The drainage pump according to claim 22, wherein the separate chamber is located relatively closely adjacent the pump impeller.
24. (Previously Presented) The drainage pump according to claim 22, wherein a respective plurality of bores are provided on the external diameter of the separate chamber and another respective plurality of bores are provided on the internal diameter of the separate chamber.

25. (Previously Presented) The drainage pump according to claim 22, wherein the bores for the external diameter and the internal diameter are distributed uniformly on the separate chamber.
26. (Previously Presented) The drainage pump according to claim 22, wherein each of the bores has a small cross-section.
27. (Previously Presented) The drainage pump according to claim 22, wherein the drainage pump is operable in a water-bearing domestic appliance in the form of a dishwasher.
28. (Previously Presented) The drainage pump according to claim 22, wherein the drainage pump is operable in a water-bearing domestic appliance in the form of a washing machine.